

# **Volunteer Role Description**

**Role Title: Wilder Welcome Volunteer (The Barn)** 

**Location: Whisby Education Centre,** 

Moor Ln, Thorpe on the Hill, Lincoln LN6 9BW

**Summary:** Do you love engaging with people about the wildlife of Whisby and the Natural World in general? This role could be for you.....

**Opportunity Type:** Visitor Centre/Other

What is a Wilder Welcome Volunteer?: Our team of Wilder Welcome volunteers have a key role in helping visitors to engage with the wonderful wildlife of Whisby. They are ambassadors for appropriate site use and provide engagement activities and information at the entrance to the reserve ('The Barn'). They may also spend time out on the nature reserve noting important wildlife sightings and talking with the general public.

### What's involved:

- Being a presence in 'The Barn' to welcome visitors to Whisby Nature park.
- Representing the Trust in an appropriate manner when on-site and inspire others to support us by referring any visitors to further information.
- Provide a range of engagement activities and information to give visitors a deeper appreciation of Whisby's wonderful wildlife.
- Report any damage, incidents and activities to staff via regular reporting arrangements.
- Always acting in accordance with the risk assessment for the task provided.
- Adherence to the Volunteer Charter, policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Undertake appropriate in-house training appropriate to the role
- Helping to keep 'The Barn' clean and tidy and up to date with information

#### Who would this role suit?:

## **Essential skills/experience:**

- An infectious passion for nature and the natural world
- A strong desire to inspire other about wildlife
- An understanding of the needs of the public and native wildlife.
- Familiarity with Whisby Nature Park and its wildlife
- Sensible regard for health and safety.
- Understanding and support of the Wildlife Trust's principles of reserve management.



- Ability to communicate effectively with the public.
- A reasonable degree of physical fitness.
- The ability to work within guidelines set by the Education team.

## **Desirable skills/experience:**

- A genuine interest in conservation and wildlife.
- An affinity with and commitment to the aims of the Wildlife Trust.
- Wildlife Identification Skills

#### What's in it for you?

- Free car Parking at the Whisby Education Centre
- The opportunity to share a love and knowledge of wildlife and the natural world
- Role specific training
- Playing a key part in the Public Engagement & Communications team, helping visitors enjoy Whisby Nature Park in a considerate way.
- Branded clothing whilst on site

#### **Extra Information:**

**Commitment:** 3-6 hours per week/ as often as desired

**Duration:** Ongoing

**Role Subject to Safer Recruitment Processes? N** 

**Application process:** Application form & 'try out day'

Closing Date: N/A

Interview Date: N/A